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In re Application of  
Alok Singh et al  
Serial No.: 09/725,309  
Filed: November 29, 2000  
Attorney Docket No.: 79212

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: PETITION DECISION TO RESTART  
: PERIOD FOR REPLY  
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This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, filed March 29, 2002, requesting restarting of the period for reply.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed a non-final Office action to applicants on February 13, 2002, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants state that they did not receive the Office action until March 28, 2002, more than one month after the mail date thereof, and provide copies of the docketing receipt stamped first page of the Office action as evidence thereof. The first page of the Office action also bears a stamp for TC 1600/2900 indicating receipt of the paper on March 6, 2002. It may be presumed that the action was returned to the Office by the US Postal Service and that it was remailed subsequent to that date. Applicants' statement and evidence are acceptable and the period for reply will be adjusted accordingly.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

**The period for reply to the Office action mailed February 13, 2002, is hereby restarted as of applicants' date of receipt, March 28, 2002. The time period for reply remains as set therein.**

**Applicants' reply to the Office action accompanied the petition and will be entered and the application forwarded to the examiner for further consideration.**

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

  
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